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To whom it may concern:

A notice of the change in a public hearing was announced to be May 27<sup>th</sup>, at 10:30 a.m. to dispute the raise in cost for Aqua South Carolina based at 202 Mackenan Court, Cary Nc. 27511. I have lived in this neighborhood and know that the increase of more than \$43.00 would cause a hardship for the residents.

This is a government low income neighborhood. Most of the residents are under welfare, fixed incomes, or low income coming into the home. When moving into these houses, we were assured that the cost of this service would remain low since it is tied into our water bill. I personally had to redo my pipes and I was responsible for the repairs ;which was over \$1100.00.

I had to clean out their pipes too. IF they had made the repairs long ago and made changes while the costs were down, then they would not have to ask for a huge increase now. Now it is \$20.50 and they want three times as much which will set up more increases. We were promised that costs would remain low and in this time while most people have no jobs, gas and other things are high, how can we manage more increases.

I have to work and I can't come to the hearing plus it would be impossible to for most people to come to Columbia. Why did you change it from the Evans Building? I want this to be put into the records as my statement. I think it is funny that the public hearing was changed to a place that most of these residents cannot reach in time to testify. On behalf of this community, I would like to dispute the cost increase especially in this recession.

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